

October 26, 2017

Mr. John Tidona  
Port Richmond Community Emergency Response Team  
Staten Island, NY

Dear Mr. Tidona

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. On the one hand, I congratulate you on a job well done and wish you all the best of luck as you enter a new phase in your life. On the other hand I must admit that I'm sorry that you are moving from our borough, as is any Staten Islander who is aware of your accomplishments.

You have brought the Port Richmond CERT a long way from its humble beginnings in 2005, when you founded the organization in the basement of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in West Brighton. The numerous awards, proclamations and acclamations you and your team have received from elected officials and other organizations attest to these wonderful accomplishments.

So, my friend, I wish you nothing but great things as you move forward and thank you for what you have done for Staten Island. I am confident – and you should be proud - that your legacy at the Port Richmond CERT will live on.

I wish you good health, good luck and may God bless you.

Sincerely,



James S. Oddo  
President, Borough of Staten Island

*P.S. Thanks for all that you have done. all the best.*

